KITCHEN KORNER

If you have a favorite dish that you would like to share please send in the directions and we will run it here. This is the first one. We all liked these at the Hospitality Hour during the Annual Meeting.

Aunt Marge's Dill Carrot Sticks

Peel carrots - cut into strips - put into quart jars - add 1/8 teaspoon of alum and 1 red hot pepper or 1 scant teaspoon of pepper flakes to each jar.

Make a solution of the following and bring to a boil: 1 quart vinegar, 1 cup salt, and 3 quarts water. This is your stock solution. Use one cup of the stock solution and add 3 buds of garlic, 2 teaspoons of dill seed or 3 fresh dill heads, boil this for 2 minutes, then pour over carrots in the quart jar and fill remainder of jar with boiling stock solution.

Seal the jars and let stand at room temperature for two weeks.

Solution makes enough for about four quarts, or three to four packages of carrots.

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FOLLOW-UP LETTER

Dear Mr. Monroe,

In the summer 1959 issue of the Seed Pod you published a letter from me, in which, I mentioned some hibiscus crosses I had made. It might interest you to know a little about the results of these crosses. I became so enthused about hybridizing that I finally ended up with 1,000 seedlings out of 76 crosses. Unfortunately I don't know the names of the four varieties used as female parents. They are hardy and prolific plants that have been growing here for many years; long before I really became interested in hibiscus.

Naturally caring for all these small seedlings took a lot of time and, I am afraid, I neglected my regular work, which is growing fruits and vegetables. However, the pleasure, excitement, satisfaction and experience gained, fully compensated for whatever I might have lost financially. But now! Where to plant all these seedlings? I almost pulled out what little hair I have trying to solve this problem, and, finally decided to plant them in the old bull pen.

My two helpers at that time, were good workers, however, names and figures meant nothing to them and they just couldn't understand why this plant had to go here, and the other one there, and, consequently, a few of the families got mixed up.

A few months after, when the plants were coming along nicely, we ran into a very severe drought which killed about 50 of them, I just didn't have enough water to save them. This, of course, was quite sad. However, it gave me a very good opportunity to spot the real hardy plants. Fortunately, the drought had an end, and with the first rains the plants woke up. I soon had the prettiest bull pen in the world. It is hard to describe your emotions as you look forward to the opening of a new flower especially when you